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Sen. George encouraged by governor's commitment to GOP vision of job creation and economic growth

Lansing – Sen. Tom George said he was encouraged to hear Gov. Jennifer Granholm's commitment to work with Republicans on creating jobs and spurring Michigan's economy during her State of the State Address Tuesday night.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the governor to strengthen Michigan's economy," George said.

Senate Republicans renewed their pledge to fight for every Michigan job and said they stand ready to work with the governor to accomplish what is right for the people of Michigan.

While the nation's economic recovery is well underway, families in Michigan are still too often facing the prospect of an unemployment check instead of a regular paycheck. In 2003, Michigan's jobless rate hit a 10-year high.

The GOP vision for Michigan includes providing a job opportunity for anyone who wants to work and support their family. It includes a great education for every student, affordable health care for families and senior citizens, and an opportunity for every Michigan resident to choose their own path.

"We must create Michigan's future, not just plan for it," said Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema. "It's time to create jobs, it's time to help our economy grow – it's time to take action."

Sen. George agreed, citing the examples of his venture capital (SB 835) and healthcare benefits (SB 673) bills, which were recently signed by the governor. Both were initiatives designed to help jumpstart Michigan's weak job market and get Michigan's residents back to work.

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“Keeping and creating jobs should continue to be a top priority,” George said.
“Our desire to better our lives and thereby improve our state is part of what has always made Michigan such a great place to live.”

Sen. George said some of the governor’s proposals outlined in her speech have merit, but he needs to see the details instead of just a general idea.

“The fiscal impact of the proposals needs to be carefully reviewed. We will have to see the details to determine what their budget implications are.”

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